

From: [Gray, David](#)
To: [Meyer, John](#)
Cc: [Miller, Garyg](#); [Sanchez, Carlos](#)
Subject: RE: Urgent: Status of EPA inspections? FW: Touching Base
Date: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 10:31:51 AM

Sure. Can you give me an interim update?

From: Meyer, John
Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 10:31 AM
To: Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov>
Cc: Miller, Garyg <Miller.Garyg@epa.gov>; Sanchez, Carlos <sanchez.carlos@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Urgent: Status of EPA inspections? FW: Touching Base

David, Gary is on site but no email. I tried to call him but didn't answer. Do you want him to call you direct?

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 5, 2017, at 10:27 AM, Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov> wrote:

Can you send me an update?

From: "Miller, Garyg" <Miller.Garyg@epa.gov>
Date: September 5, 2017 at 9:09:59 AM CDT
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Cc: "Meyer, John" <Meyer.John@epa.gov>, "Sanchez, Carlos" <sanchez.carlos@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Urgent: Status of EPA inspections? FW: Touching Base

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Importance: High

Dear Gary and Donn-

Can you tell me the status of EPA inspections of the SJRWP? Has EPA completed visual inspections/dive team inspections/etc.? I assume that any dive team inspections would have been only through manual probing as visibility would be limited.

Has EPA been able to confirm that no waste material was released? If yes, how was that determination made? If no, can you tell me when and how EPA will make that determination?

As to Ken Haldin's note below, I assume he is only referring to the RP's doing a simple visual inspection.

Can you please get back to me as soon as possible as to the inspections that EPA has completed so that we can provide accurate information at our 11am press conference?

Thanks-
Scott

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Protecting the natural resources of Galveston Bay since 1987

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From: Kenneth Haldin [<mailto:kchaldin@comcast.net>]

Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 8:01 AM

To: Scott Jones <sjones@galvbay.org>

Subject: Touching Base

Hello, Scott:

In the wake of the storm, I hope that you and your family have been faring OK. I've tried not to disturb folks there as they focus on the many tasks at hand post-Harvey.

Just want you to be aware that the PRPs have been providing updated site-related information since access was possible last Friday. These are being posted to the PRPs' community website. See text and link below. In addition, you may be aware that the EPA brought news media and others to the site yesterday. More about this is also below, including a wire service report. Please share with Bob and others at GBF as you see fit.

As always, there is a good bit of misinformation about the current status of the site. I hope that accurate information will prevail.

Please keep in touch as needed.

K.
Ken Haldin
404-405-2924
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#### **UPDATE ON STATUS OF THE SAN JACINTO RIVER WASTE PITS SITE**

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9/4/17

- Further on-site inspection today confirmed earlier preliminary surface observations — the Armored Cap is intact and no waste was exposed.
- Flood waters have receded. One-third of the cap is above water and two-thirds below.
- A limited amount of stone material associated with berms surrounding the cap has moved. However, these berms — which ring the perimeter of the cap — do not have any waste material within or beneath them.
- Maintenance, including placing new geotextile and stone reinforcement on the berms, is under way. These activities were planned for in the site's ongoing Operation, Monitoring and Maintenance Plan (OMM), and materials to complete this work are stockpiled locally.
- Other site security actions are expected to proceed in the coming days, such as any needed repairs to fencing. Additional inspection activity, including a bathymetric survey and probing under water, will take place per the OMM plan.

**EPA News Release** (<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/houston-area-superfund-sites-opened-news-outlets-today-tceqepa-updated-local-national>)

*Bloomberg News*

**EPA: No Evidence of Releases From 41 Superfund Sites in TX, La**

By Jack Kaskey | September 4, 2017 2:02PM ET

There's no evidence any of releases from 41 Superfund sites in Texas and Louisiana affected by Hurricane Harvey, EPA's South Central Region Acting Administrator Sam Coleman tells reporters.

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